JACK DOYLE Monroe County Executive

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COUNTY OFFERS FREE DOWNHILL SKIING

Snowboarders Welcome

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle today invited residents to a free half-day downhill skiing, or snowboarding, at Monroe County's Northampton Park on **Saturday, February 5 and Saturday, March 4, 2000**, and at Powder Mills Parks on Sunday, January 30, and Sunday, February 27, 2000. The free skiing is provided courtesy of the Monroe County Department of Parks and Bristol Mountain, who operates the facilities.

"We welcome skiers, and especially encourage snowboarders, to take advantage of these free morning or afternoon ski days," said Doyle. "Both parks offer an inexpensive and non-threatening environment for beginner skiers and snowboarders."

Residents must register for their free half-day tickets at either park's ski lodge. Operational hours for Northampton Ski Lodge are Thursdays and Fridays, 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Sundays, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Hours for Powder Mills Park's Ski Lodge are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Fridays, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sundays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Each park has a towrope and snow making capabilities. Ski rentals are available for \$6.00. Persons wishing to snowboard must provide their own equipment.

Northampton Park is located in the Town of Sweden. The ski lodge is on Hubbell Road between Colby Street and Route 31. Powder Mills Park is located in the Town of Perinton. Enter the park on Route 96, south of Bushnell's Basin, near Interstate 490.

Tickets are first-come, first serve. For more information and ticket availability, call the skiing hotline at 374-6000, ext. 410.

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